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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to petition 3887-23 received by Queensland Legislative Assembly on 13 June 2023 seeking the introduction of legislation making it illegal for a council, company or business to refuse to accept cash as legal tender in Queensland.

Cash is an important part of the Australian payment system and economy. With the emergence of innovative applications of technology and increasing competition among payment service providers, consumers are increasingly opting for a range of payment solutions, alongside cash.

Relevant provisions in the Constitution of Australia provide that the Commonwealth Parliament has exclusive power to make laws about currency, coinage and legal tender.

Petitioners may be interested to note that a variety of state government payments can be paid in person using cash. For example, accounts for vehicle registration can be paid at a transport customer service centre and Australia Post outlets using a variety of methods including cash.

I thank the petitioners for taking time to raise their concerns.

Yours sincerely

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